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SUBJECT: TANK PARTS FOR GREEK ARMY

REF: A) FRANKFURT A-165; B) FRANKFURT 5057

1. CONGEN FRANKFURT RECEIVED AN INQUIRY IN JULY FROM A SMALL WEST GERMAN FIRM FOR SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF REPLACEMENT PARTS FOR US TANKS MODELS M-34, M-37, M-38, M-38A1, M-47, AND M-48 (REF A). THE FIRM IS ELECTRONIC, KLAUS VESPERMAN KG AND LOCATED IN BAD HOMBERG.

2. AFTEREMBASSY BONN REQUESTED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, A FIRM REPRESENTATIVE SAID THAT THE PARTS ORDER WAS PLACED BY AN ANDREAS TSEKOURAS (FRANTZ STREET 75, ATHENS) WITH THE GREEK ARMY AS THE ULTIMATE CONSIGNEE (REF B).

3. ACTION REQUESTED. IN VIEW OF THE ABNORMAL PROCEDURE
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FOR SUCH A LARGE ORDER OF MILITARY PARTS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE

EMBASSY ATHENS TRANSMITTING TO FRANKFURT CONGEN
BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON TSEKOURAS AND WHY THE JUSMAAG
IN ATHENS IS NOT HANDLING SUCH AN ORDER. KISSINGER

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